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## SHIP WRECKED IN CANTON RIVER

### Typist Becomes The Boss

Salford, Lancashire, Mar. 24.—All 180 employees at an engineering works here staged a lightning strike today after a 40-year-old former typist at the works arrived to take over the governing directorship, to which she was appointed under the will of the firm's head.

The new director, Miss Mary Dugdale, was also left the bulk of the £133,000 fortune amassed by John Anderson, head of the St George's Engineering Company.

Within a few minutes of her arrival, half a dozen heads of departments called at her office and suggested that she stayed away until the legal position had been clarified.

Soon afterwards, all the employees stopped work, and Miss Dugdale was told she was to blame for the strike. She later left the works and the employees threatened to take similar action again if she reappeared.—Reuter.

## Miss Orient Believed To Have Hit Mine

### ON WAY TO HONGKONG

Although the owners declared that the ship and her passengers were safe, radio reports received in Hongkong this morning say that the Hongkong-Canton steamer, Miss Orient, is a complete wreck in the river channel north of Elliot Reach.

At a late hour last night, the Miss Orient, a 1,200-ton British steamer, owned by the Woo Cheung Fat Shipping Company, of Wing Lok Street, either hit a mine or rammed the rocks on her way from Canton to Hongkong.

Following the Miss Orient was the ss Sing Hing, whose master has reported to the Colony on the fate of the river steamer.

His radio message read, "Miss Orient complete wreck on her side. Blocking channel. Requires immediate assistance."

### Burmese Retake Another Important City

Rangoon, March 24.—The North Burma Army has recaptured its headquarters city of Meiktila from Karen rebels, the government said on Thursday.

Karens occupied Meiktila on February 20. A government spokesman said the Karens have moved into new positions between Meiktila and Thaz, 13 miles to the east. The government holds Thaz.

Simultaneously, the government announced a new offensive, 75 miles farther north. It is aimed at retaking Mandalay from the Karens and Communists.

The government said its first big blow in that drive was the recapture of Amarapura, a silk weaving town. Burmese troops were reported lining up around nearby Myingye.—Associated Press.

Later the captain of the Sing Hing radioed his owners, the Ta Hing Company, "Miss Orient wrecked at the mouth of Elliot Reach, blocking passage. Am returning to quarantine."

The owners of the Miss Orient had first intimation of accident from Canton, the message indicating that the ship and passengers were safe. It is estimated about 300 people were aboard.

The owners said they had been unable to ascertain whether the Miss Orient struck a mine or was aground.

They added that only slight damage had been caused to the vessel.

The owners have despatched two investigators to the scene of the wreck, and it is understood a Customs cruiser is standing by.

The Master of the Miss Orient is Captain W. Anderson, Chief Officer, Mr. S. E. M. Hackett, and the Chief Engineer, Mr. S. O. Bux.

Before the war the ship was known as the Lee Hong, and she was scuttled when hostilities broke out in 1941.

Salvaged after the Liberation, the vessel was refitted and renamed the Miss Orient, and she was put on the Canton river service last October.

## Tientsin Business At Standstill

Shanghai, Mar. 25.—Business remains at a standstill in Tientsin, according to a telephone message last night from a former Shanghai businessman, who was among the hundreds of foreigners swept behind the "bamboo curtain" through the Chinese Communist capture of Tientsin last January.

The businessman said they were without news of the outside world, not having seen newspapers "for ages." The call was limited to six minutes and the reception was faint and subject to constant fading.

People were allowed to hold United States dollars, gold bars and silver dollars, but forbidden to trade in them. Law and order was well maintained.

The impression the informant gave was that, although trade was at a standstill at present in Tientsin, the general feeling was it would pick up as soon as some kind of Civil Government was established.



MARSHAL BULGANIN

## Senators Suspicious Of Britain

### Want Assurances On Use Of Aid Materials

Washington, Mar. 24.—United States Senators, debating Marshall aid tonight, vigorously demanded assurances that Britain was not sending "war potentials" to the Soviet Union or East European countries.

The outburst came when they heard reports of a statement by Mr. Harold Wilson, President of the Board of Trade, that Britain would not, in future, allow her trade agreements with Russia and Eastern Europe to be "subject to the settlement of political questions."

One Senator suggested that the Economic Co-operation Administration should investigate Britain's trade agreements with the Soviet Union and Poland.

Senator Tom Connally, Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, who had opened the debate by declaring it would be a "major mistake" to cut aid to Britain, replied to the Senators' demands by insisting that there was no evidence that Britain had committed or was contemplating "any breach of faith."

### INVESTIGATION DEMAND

Senator William Knowland (Republican, California), read a report of Mr. Wilson's statement in the opening stages of the debate on the 15-months' extension of the European Recovery Programme in 1949-50.

Senator Knowland, quoting Mr. Wilson, said that before voting further Marshall aid funds for Britain, Congress was entitled to a "major statement" to the effect that Britain was not going to change her trade policy and ship "war-making potentials" to Russia.

A call for an investigation of Britain's trade agreements with Russia and Poland came from Senator Arthur Watkins (Republican, Utah).

Senator James P. Kem (Republican, Missouri) questioned whether Britain could conform to the conditions of membership in the Atlantic Pact if she shipped war material or potential war materials to Eastern Europe.

The Republican sponsor of the original Marshall aid programme, Senator Arthur Vandenberg, said the Marshall Plan countries of Europe were conforming to many policies of the United States in trading with Eastern Europe.

A good faith is being made by Britain to conform to a common standard in this matter, "which reflects our own standards," he said.—Reuter.

### Manslaughter Charge Dismissed

Hull, Mar. 24.—The Hull magistrate yesterday dismissed a charge of manslaughter against Hubert Ivor Lewis, aged 24, of Cardiff, Chief Steward of the 7,000-ton ship Demeter, in the death of the 30-year-old Third Officer, Mr. Arthur Meek, of Penarth, in a Cuban port on February 3.

The post mortem examination in Cuba disclosed that Meek died from heart failure, it was stated.—Reuter.

## Soviet Army Minister Relieved Of Duties

### Marshal Bulganin Replaced By Vassilevsky

London, Mar. 24.—Radio Moscow said today that Marshal Nikolai Bulganin had been relieved of his duties as Minister for the Armed Forces.

The radio said Marshal Alexander Mikhailovitch Vassilevsky, Vice-Minister for the Armed Forces, had been promoted to take Bulganin's place. It said also that the action was taken by the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet, which had approved previous changes incident to the current big Russian Cabinet shake-up.

"The Presidium of the Supreme Soviet of the USSR relieved Marshal N.A. Bulganin, vice-chairman of the Council of Ministers of the USSR, of duties of Minister of Ground Forces and appointed Marshal Alexander M. Vassilevsky as Minister of the Armed Forces," said the announcement.

It was noted Bulganin was mentioned as still being Vice-Chairman of the Council of Ministers or Vice-Premier. That was the situation when Vyacheslav Molotov and A. T. Mikoyan were relieved of their duties as Foreign Minister and Foreign Trade Minister respectively. Hence presumably, all three have been relieved of routine administrative duties to concentrate on higher political strategy.

Likewise, Bulganin evidently remained a member of the Political Bureau of the Communist Party, the supreme authority in Russia as did Molotov and Mikoyan.

### KOMSOMOL CONGRESS

Only a short time before the Moscow broadcast regarding Bulganin, a United Press dispatch from Moscow reported that the national congress of the young Communist League, the Komsomol, would be held soon. The dispatch said members of the Politburo headed the list of delegates. The dispatch then named 12 members of the Politburo, including Stalin, Molotov, Mikoyan and Bulganin, as being delegates, but the name of N. A. Voznesensky was not included though he has been on the list of Politburo members.

It was announced in Moscow on March 14 that Voznesensky was relieved of both his governmental posts of Vice-Premier and chairman of the important State Planning Commission. This announcement, like that made tonight regarding Bulganin, was made by the official presidium of the Supreme Soviet. This body naturally would not make any announcement concerning possible change in the status of a Communist Party official.—United Press.

### WASHINGTON PUZZLED

Washington, Mar. 24.—The shift in leadership in the Soviet ground forces added to the mystery in official quarters over the recent shifts in the Soviet hierarchy.

The authorities are still puzzling and wondering whether the shake-ups mean promotions for the leaders or involve some elements of a "purge."

The major sentiment here is that the Russians are feeling too Politburo members to devote more time to internal Soviet problems, with a corresponding emphasis on foreign affairs.—United Press.

### K'loon City Robbery SIX MEN ARRESTED

A gang of six men were rounded up early this morning suspected of being concerned in the robbery of a grocery store at Diamond Hill, Kowloon City, last night.

The owner of the shop, Sin Keng, attempted to resist the robbers and was shot in the left hand, while his wife was wounded in the arm.

The robbers escaped with money and tins of cigarettes, and detectives who immediately started a search of the Kowloon City area accosted two men who were in possession of tins of cigarettes.

Suspected of being members of the gang which had robbed the grocery store, they were interrogated and later led the Police to four other men, who were captured and found to possess two guns.

The six men will be charged in due course.

### Mob Riots: 8 Killed

Bombay, Mar. 24.—Eight persons were killed and 25 wounded when police fired on an unruly peasant mob in Erangaon village near Ahmednagar, it was officially reported tonight.

The peasants were protesting the removal of food grains purchased by the Government for rationing. They stoned the police.

An order to disperse was ignored by the peasants who did not move even after a baton charge by police. It was announced.—Associated Press.

### GIRL KICKS A POLICEMAN

London, Mar. 24.—Seven men and an 18-year-old girl were fined sums ranging from £5 to £25 at North London today on charges arising out of last Sunday's march by followers of Sir Oswald Mosley, former British Fascist leader.

The 18-year-old girl, Isle Stansby, described as a student, was fined £20 for assaulting a policeman.

She told the court that she kicked a police officer because "I was in a fury to see the English law protecting people who had killed my parents and ruined my life."

The girl's lawyer said her parents had been in an internment camp and she assumed they had been murdered by the Nazis.—Reuter.

### STOP PRESS

### River Disaster: Many Lives Lost

The Canton correspondent of the Associated Press reported at noon today that the Miss Orient was struck by a mine, laid by bandits, six miles from Canton.

He said that more than 100 passengers had been killed or badly wounded and that the wounded were now being taken back to Canton.

### FORTY KILLED

Later reports received in Hongkong say that 40 passengers were killed as a result of the explosion which wrecked the Miss Orient.

The Sing Hing is expected to arrive in Hongkong early this evening with 22 survivors from the Miss Orient aboard.

One report circulating in Canton, according to United Press, says the mine was planted by extortion gangsters for the new Fatahan, aboard which was former Premier T.V. Soong and Mrs Soong on their way to Canton. However, the Fatahan passed through the passage ahead of schedule.

The Miss Orient sank at 11 p.m. last night after sending distress signals to which there was no response. If the Sing Hing had not happened along, the loss of life probably would have been much greater.

### EDITORIAL

## Are China's Reds Really Strong?

CONFUSION continues to characterise the China situation. The Communists embolden their announcements of preparedness to discuss peace terms with uncompromising remarks about the Nanking leaders with whom eventually they will have to sit at the conference table if that stage is ever reached. The Nationalists, on their part, still give few signs of having reached any coherent policy and while one ambassador hails the Atlantic Pact as a means to preserving peace, a Chinese envoy-designate describes it as a "lot of rubbish."

Premier Ho Ying-chin's Cabinet is reported to be in the process of formulating a peace policy, which presumably means that it is preparing a set of counter-terms upon which it is willing to meet the Communists for future negotiation. Depending on whether they offer a reasonable compromise basis for discussion, these conditions could have a far-reaching effect on later developments. The Nanking Government proclaims that it seeks peace because this is the will of the people. It has not, however, yet indicated whether it interprets this popular mandate as the right to achieve peace at any price, or on terms which permit some semblance of compromise. If the policy statement which is expected in about a week's time clears up this point, it will go some way toward dispersing the fog of uncertainty which for so long has shrouded Nanking's intentions. The Communists, too, are being enigmatic to a point of indecisiveness. They are satisfied to maintain contact with the world outside their own domain through a propaganda radio station which broad-

casts a mass of contradictions. This may be their method of conducting a war of nerves; or it may mean that the Reds are not quite sure how they should proceed from this point to achieve their objective. On the face of it, it is strange that the Communists have not been able to consolidate their impressive military successes with equivalent political achievements, and the thought arises whether they are really in a position to assume the major responsibility of governing the country. The big unknown factor in any coalition government equation is the availability of trained Communists to take over key posts—offices through which not only are domestic and foreign policies shaped, but which are also responsible for seeing those policies put into effect. The Communists may possess the necessary personnel, but if they do not, their political position is immediately weakened and their demand for administrative control that much less acceptable. The popular hope today is that the apparent shilly-shallying that is going on is but a traditional Chinese method of reaching a happy and satisfactory settlement, and that, in due course, everything will be nicely smoothed out with no loss of "face." But there is also a sneaking suspicion that, politically, the Reds are not so strong as they would have the world believe, and that to them a reasonable compromise formula for peace from Nanking would be welcome. That is why we repeat that a well defined peace policy from Premier Ho might hasten the termination of the present impasse.

Telegraphic money remittances between Shanghai and Tientsin were partially resumed yesterday, when the city received the first sum of 3,000 dollars in Communist People's notes and remitted northward a total of 6,500,000, according to press reports.

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The exchange rate between the Gold Yuan and the Communist People's note has been set at 6,500 to one Communist dollar.

The resumption of telegraphic remittance service is chiefly for the benefit of civil servants, students, and traders who have set up offices both in North China and Shanghai.—Reuter.

### 14 KILLED IN COLLISION

Cairo, Mar. 24.—Fourteen workers were killed and 40 injured when a truck taking them to work, crashed into a train at a crossing 30 miles south of Alexandria.

Both the truck and the engine were hurled into a nearby canal by the violence of the collision.—Reuter.

### King Doing Well

London, Mar. 24.—Princess Elizabeth said at a meeting of the Women's Voluntary Services in London today that she was thankful to say that her father, King George VI, was "getting on very well."—Reuter.

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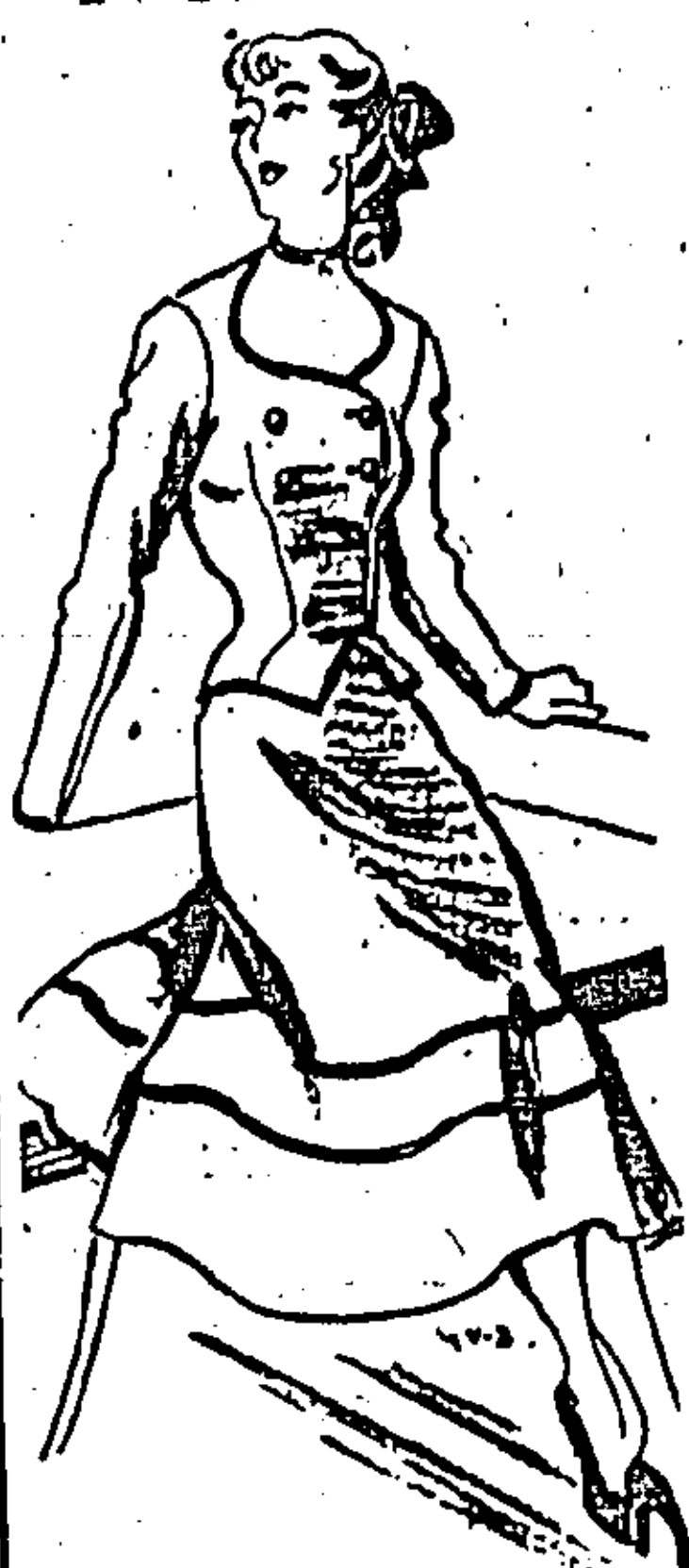
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# WOMANSENSE

## Cloak And Dagger Mata Hari

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CREASE RESISTANT cotton is a term that will be nothing with approval this spring. It is the fabric used for this good little two-piece, nice for resort wear into summer. The double breasted jacket top has a scooped neckline, and the skirt is gored. The colour scheme is lavender with wine coloured piping at all edges and a double band on the skirt.



Every important collection shows its own interpretation of the street dress, so that women who enjoy wearing a trim, comfortable dress while on their busy daytime rounds, should find a wide choice. A typically smart version is this design fashioned of light weight wool in shadow plaid, grey plaid, in brown with brown bone buttons at the square yoke. The slit neckline takes a surprise curve that seems to terminate in the one curved slit pocket at the hip-line which is a nice piece of figure flattery. The dress is slit at one side and buttons down one side, as do so many of the smartest clothes for spring.



Navy blue tissue faille gets together with belting ribbon for a delightful three-piece spring costume. The jacket is snug, belting over the hips. It has a tiny collar and five-eighths length sleeves with a belting ribbon edge. Under the jacket is a separate cap sleeved low necked blouse of the tissue faille. The skirt is full from the belting ribbon waistband, and graduated folds of the ribbon trim the skirt.

**M**OST of the children living along Llandrillo Road in the almost solidly Welsh settlement of Cynwyd, have some cause to boast of what their fathers did in the last war.

But Anthony and Derek Tuyl—they are 13 and 11, and have a four-year-old sister, Sandra Knox—have a special cause for distinction. "Our mummy," they tell other children, "was a spy."

Their mother, daughter of a Church of England clergyman serving in Egypt, widow of a Dutch patriot murdered by the Germans, wife of an American colonel who shared her spying activities in North Africa during the days of Vichy control, is just a small town housewife now.

She is more concerned with running her home without benefit of servants than with talking about the cloak-and-dagger activities of her Mata Hari days or the silver King's Medal she has just received from the British Ambassador Sir Oliver Franks "for meritorious services" which were "most outstanding and valuable throughout."

**Gave Lessons**  
**W**HEN war began, Mrs John Knox (she was Mrs. John Tuyl then, wife of a Dutch resistor) was living with her husband at Algiers. He was called home to the Colours and she never saw him again. He "disappeared" after being taken into Germany. "I stayed on," she told me, "and supported myself and the two boys giving English lessons."

"I did some work for the British military mission, and they seemed to find me useful because of my many friends in the country, and because I spoke French as readily as English."

Mrs Knox, blonde and grey-eyed, was 29 then. When the Vichy authorities signed their armistice with the Germans the British Mission were ordered out.

Mrs Knox, falling back on her Dutch passport, arranged to stay. Soon she was picking up

information of the highest value on Vichy and German shipping, which she relayed by various means to Gibraltar.

Through friends who were "in the right places," and who were sympathetic to the De Gaulle cause, she began to steal pages of the official French codes and, using invisible ink, clandestine radio, or underground couriers, managed to convey these to Gibraltar.

Many times—though America was officially neutral—she made use of U.S. facilities in her work. One of her most exciting moments came when three British officers, who had been on a mission in France and were being closely hunted, appeared in Algiers.

"I managed to get them into a clinic I knew of which the matron was a friend. One of them had in his pocket, at the time of his capture, complete plans for the German invasion of Britain."

"He was taken before the American consul—the Ameri-

She picked up the whole plan for an invasion

By Frederick Cook



Mrs. KNOX

Six months before Pearl Harbour a group of American "economic advisers" arrived in Algiers, among them Colonel John Knox, then in mufti. They had with them high-powered radio transmitters.

Colonel Knox and the Dutchman's widow dined together in an Algiers night club. Towards the end of the war Mrs. Knox and the colonel were married.

Sandra was born a year later. "She does not, of course, remember anything of those days," said Mrs. Knox.

"But the boys do, very clearly. When they were 9 and 10, they were together in Algiers. They loved every minute of the fireworks."

**Care Of Foundation Garments**  
**I**f you want to get the maximum wear from your foundation garments, go over—girdle or bra after each wearing to detect any rip or tear, and get after the same at once. Don't use a safety pin to do the job, promising yourself that you'll do a real repair job later. Get out the sewing basket and go to work.

Use a zigzag stitch on elastic sections, sew any tears in lace or net portions carefully, perhaps using an extra bit of fabric for a reinforcing job.

**Close Fastenings**  
Now with all repairs effected, pop the girdle or corset into the tub. Close all zippers or other fastenings before immersing. If a washing machine is used, enclose the garment in a net bag. Soak garments no longer than 10 minutes. No matter how much they are soiled, dirt will become embedded in the fabric and textile fibres will be weakened otherwise. Squeeze garments gently with a cupping motion in warm suds. Remove spots or soil by rubbing with a soft brush or Turkish towel with suds applied to it. Rinse several times in clear tepid water.

First step in drying is to roll the garments in a clean Turkish towel to absorb moisture, but be careful not to twist or wring, since this will break delicate elastic fibres. Then gently ease the garment into shape, and place flat on a Turkish towel to dry, or hang double over the bathroom rod or a clothesline. Do not hang in direct heat or sunlight. Never hang girdle or corset by straps, or the shape of the garment will soon become distorted.

**Ironing a Foundation**  
Should you prefer to use an iron on a foundation garment, use it warm, not hot, on fabric parts while the garment is still damp. Never, never touch elastic portions with an iron. To launder a bra, immerse it in warm, sudsy water and wash it gently, using a cupping motion. If there is a soiled part, rub it gently with a soft brush that has been dipped in warm, sudsy water. Rinse well in several changes of clear tepid water, then roll in a towel to remove excess moisture. Carefully shape bra cups, then dry flat on towel.

**Household Hints**  
In washing silver, hot, mild soap, and plenty of good, hot-water for rinsing, should be used. Dry with soft cloths for the best care. Silver is better spread out on a cloth after drying to allow it to cool thoroughly before storing in box or case. It is nice, too, to give silver an extra polish as it is being put back into the box to be sure that it is dry and to remove fingermarks.

Slip covers won't slip or slide out of shape if you buy rubber kneeling pads, cut in two lengthwise, and insert in the tuck-in space around the cushions.

An excellent furniture polish—one that both cleans and polishes—can be made by mixing equal parts of turpentine, benzine and paraffin oil.

## Beauty Care for Eyebrows



Brows must be well-shaped, says Slinger Lucille Manners, to provide a pretty frame for the eyes. After plucking, she outlines them with eyebrow pencil.

By HELEN FOLLETT

**E**YEBROWS that need weeding are no beauty bargain, but neither are those that have become distorted by over treatment.

The width, length and form of the eyebrow must be determined to a certain extent by the shape of the eyes. Facial contours also must be considered. The girl with the full face can wear her eyebrows fairly high—plucking only on the under border—but there should not be too much of an arch. An uplift at the far end is a help, giving a bit more length to the countenance.

The oval face should not carry the straight-across effect, but have a graceful curve with the far terminal drooping. The weeding should be done on both the top and lower border, placing the eyebrow along the eye socket where it rightly belongs.

You can improve or change the shape of your brows with an eyebrow pencil. Use it, also, to accentuate pretty brows.

A little attention given each right to the eyelashes will bring improvement if the growth is short and scanty, also it will insure against normal lashes losing strength and lustre.

After the face washing, during the bedtime beauty hour, dip your finger in warm mineral oil. Pass it along the eyelids at the roots of the silky fringes. You can keep your eyes open when you do this; if the oil gets into them it will do no harm.

Keep your eyelash brush clean. A soiled brush can cause eye infection. Brush upwards. You may like to play with a lash curler that gives the shafts a pleasing upward curve.



**Let's Eat**  
BY  
IDA BAILEY ALLEN

## Early Homemaking Lessons

"WE start teaching home-making, cooking and nutrition in the first grade."

This startling statement was made by Miss Eveline LeBlanc, chief of Home Economics instruction for the parochial schools of the entire province of Quebec. "We were sitting in her cheerful office surrounded by beautiful wood sculptures and hand-woven wall decorations made by school children."

"Our courses for girls in the first nine grades of school from the first grade up, are planned to cover training in cooking, nutrition, sewing, handicraft, home-making, even the care of babies. And we find by consulting these subjects with geography, history, physiology, hygiene and arithmetic that each subject enriches the other and receives its full quota of time and attention. Then if our students decide to leave school at the end of the ninth grade, they have received enough training in handicraft, to become partially self-supporting, and sufficient basic training to start a home."

### Official Reports

As the chief administrator, Miss LeBlanc substantiated her statements with official reports, samples of the children's work in handicraft, and many photographs of classes in action. What she saw and heard made me rejoice that here in this old province, training in home-making is receiving the attention it deserves, and that making and keeping a home is considered the most important thing in the life of a woman.

"Our students are very good cooks, too," Miss LeBlanc said, with a smile at the Chef.

"Of course they have very fine teachers," he gallantly remarked.

Miss LeBlanc pulled out another chest of photographs. The Chef examined them with great interest. "These pictures are of beautifully decorated tables," he remarked, "the food must have been prepared by professionals. On what occasion were they taken?"

"At a garden-party given on the Isle d'Orleans for our Board of Education," she explained, "and the refreshments were prepared entirely by our cooking teachers. As you see, the food was arranged on three long tables, one for each of the three courses."

### Linen Cloth

"Evidently the first table presented the hors d'oeuvres," said the Chef, examining the picture of the Chef, examining the picture

of the handsome plain linen cloth as a background, I see its decoration is around the edge where it hangs over. The canopies look beautiful."

"Strips of smoked salmon on toast spread with fine chopped egg salad," explained Miss LeBlanc. "Thin slices of fresh sweetened fruit arranged in designs on small round of bread spread with cream cheese. And the scallops on the edge of those mince chicken canopies are made with slices of fresh strawberries."

### Boats And Birds

"And the little boats?" asked the Chef.

"They were made of pie pan, filled with our Canadian cod-liver pale mixed with green peppers and grated Canadian cheddar cheese."

"And these little birds?" inquired the Chef.

"They were the hit of the show," exclaimed Miss LeBlanc, "made by stoning moist prunes, filling them with cottage cheese, and moulding in the shape of pelicans. The hors d'oeuvres were so colourful in themselves, that the only decoration we used on this table was gay garden flowers and maple leaves laid directly on the cloth."

"The second table was evidently for the salad service," observed the Chef.

"Yes, we had big lettuce-lined bowls of chicken and veal salad made with celery and mayonnaise, and garnished with tomatoes cut like flowers and filled with mayonnaise. These straw baskets at each end are filled with a variety of little rolls. For a centre decoration on this table we used a big red cabbage, the leaves opened, with carrots, fresh peas and string beans tucked between. The border is maple leaves."

### Fruit Pyramid

"For the third table, where we served dessert and punch, we used a pyramid of fresh fruit, for a centre piece. Apples, oranges, grape fruit, berries and blueberries in shallow maple leaf-lined containers for further decoration."

"The pelts—four, the little ones—look delicious," said the Chef. "And what a variety!"

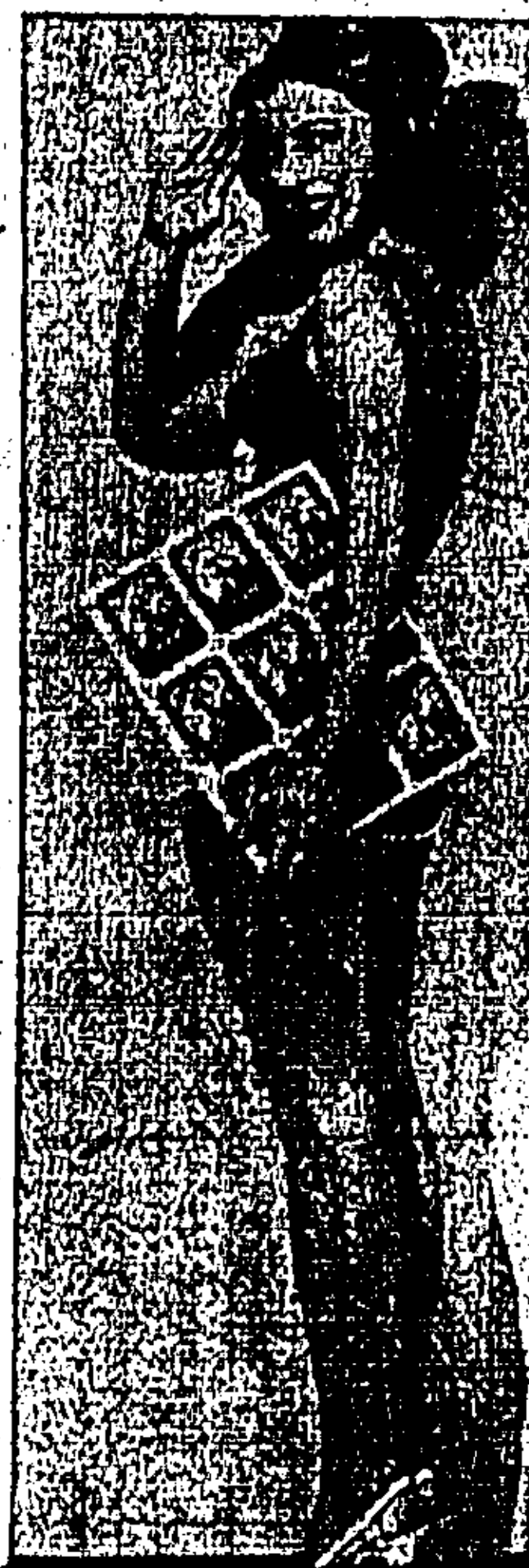
"Date squares topped with nut meats; little maple-leaf cup cakes; butter-cream cookies with wealth of chopped nuts and candied peel. Yes—our teachers are food artists, who believe that next to preserving full values, the attractive presentation of the food is most important."



# WORLD NEWS IN PICTURES



**ISOLATED**—Rising waters fill the streets of Strand-on-the-Green when the Thames became swollen recently. These men had to turn back after an unsuccessful attempt to get through to the centre of the town. March gales swept the river's waters over many low-lying areas, causing a traffic tie-up as all means of travel came to a temporary stop. This condition prevailed all the way to nearby London.



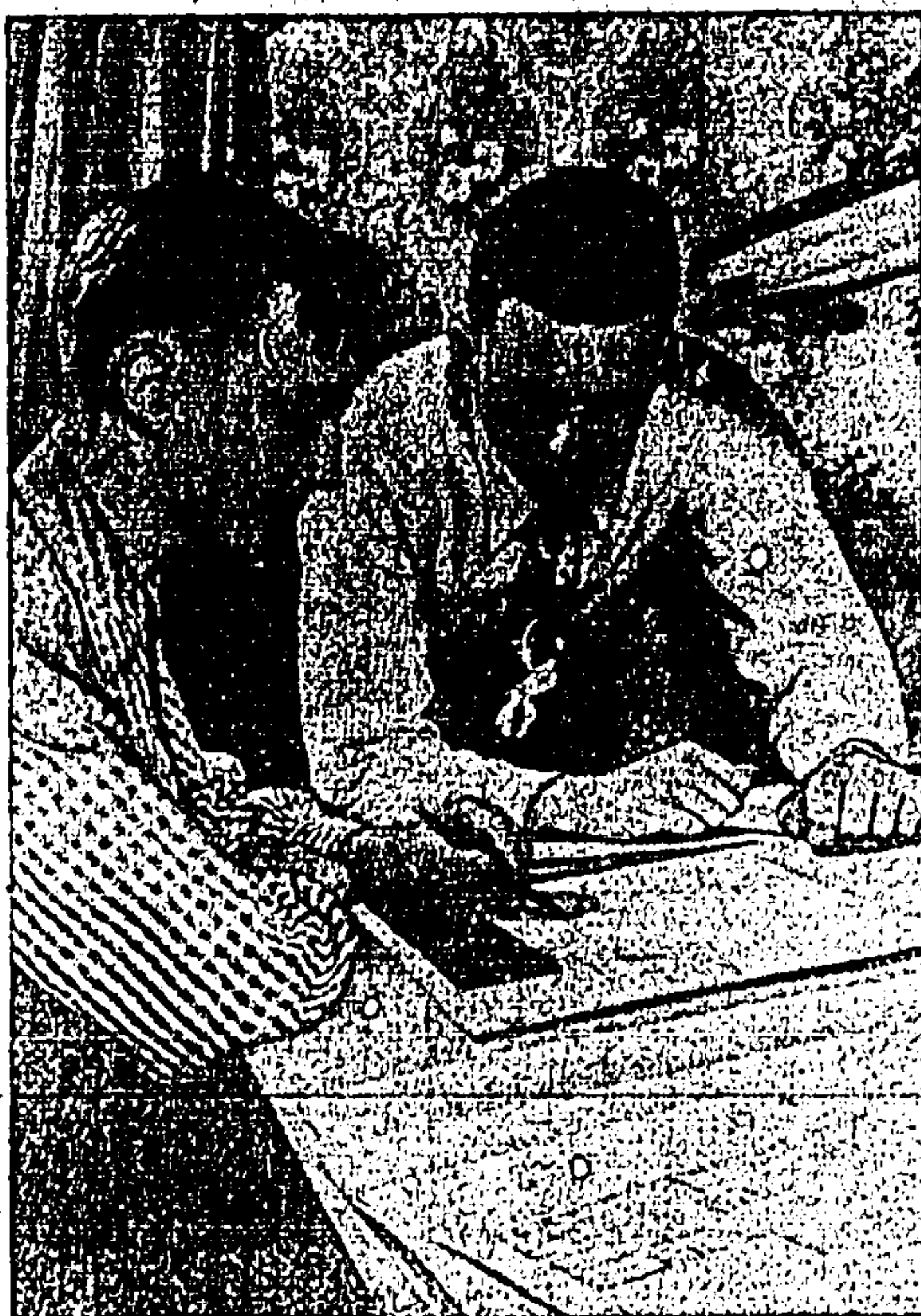
**STAMP GIRL**—Los Angeles Legionnaires elected Pat Hall their 1949 "Stamp Girl" to help to promote the sale of rehabilitation stamps.



**KEEN COMPETITION**—The ladies of Olney, Buckinghamshire, observe Shrove Tuesday the hard way. Frying pans in hand, they run from a well to the churchyard, flipping pancakes three times. The winner gets a kiss from the vergers and a blessing from the vicar.



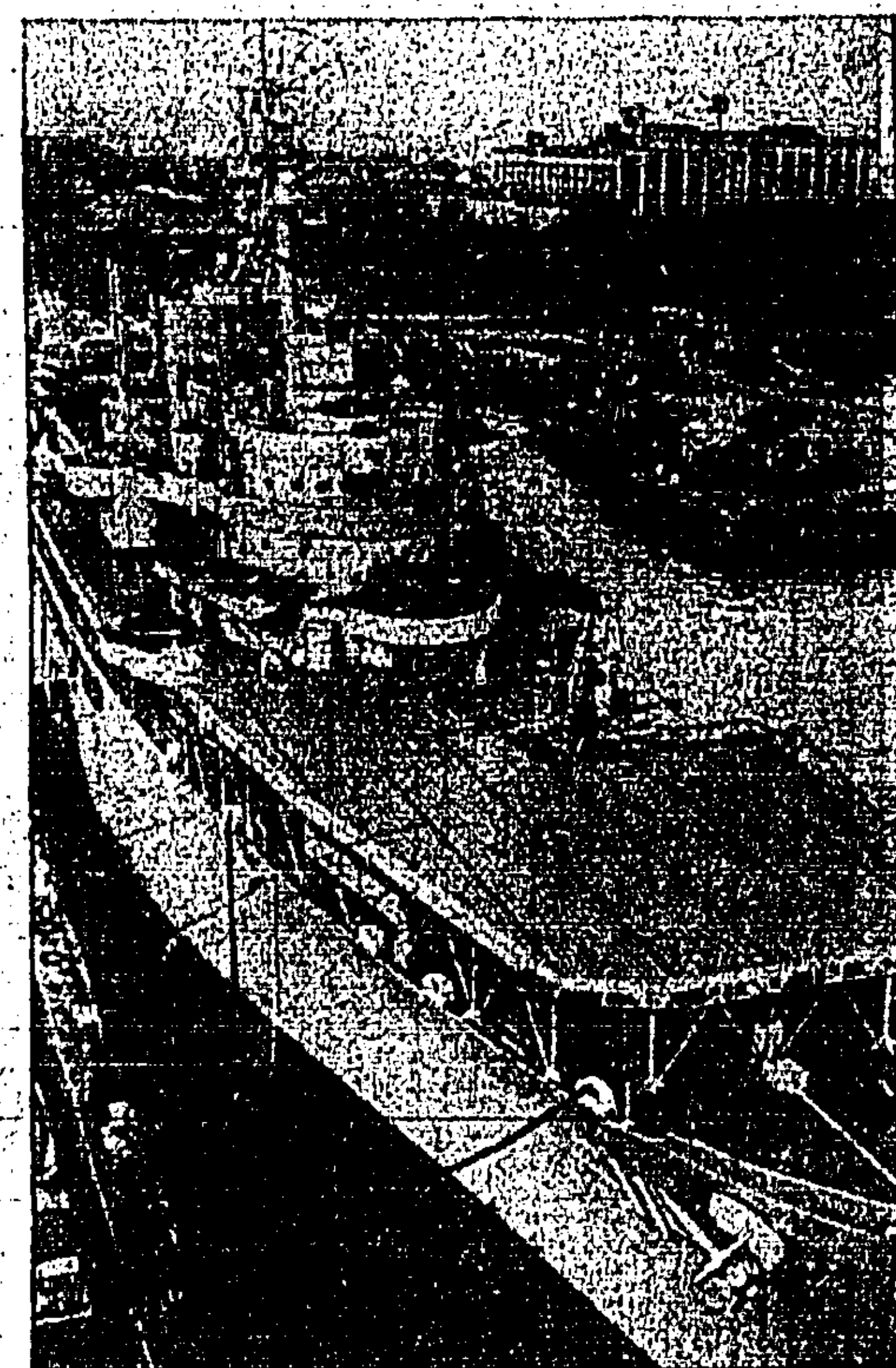
**THE LONG VOYAGE HOME**—Young and old refugees leave the ferry at Staten Island, New York, where they boarded the U.S. Army transport General Stewart for Naples. Their eventual destination is Haifa, and most of those aboard are from Shanghai. They crossed America in a sealed train.



**BOY WONDERS**—In Newtown, Ohio, these two young men indicate a bright future for themselves. Nicholas Reinhardt, 17, right, ranks as one of America's most promising scientists of tomorrow, while his brother Paul, 13, is already a talented architect.



**ALL MESSED UP**—Workmen remove these figures, damaged by hail and rain, of a large carnival float in Ostia, Italy, a coastal town near Rome. A parade in which the float was to take part had to be cancelled because of extensive damage.



**EXPERIMENTING**—The Norton Sound, a converted seaplane tender, left Port Hueneme, California, recently, for a six-week trip to waters off the coasts of Peru and Ecuador. Dozens of rocket experts and physicists are aboard to conduct the first major over-water rocket tests to investigate cosmic rays.



**TALLY-HO**—At the start of a fox hunt in Southern Pines, North Carolina, a well-disciplined pack waits for the Master of Hounds to give the signal. These Sedgefield hounds get a thorough workout, participating in an average of two hunts a week. Hunting is an extremely popular sport in the district.



**OPENING AN ACCOUNT**—When a blood bank credit unit opened in a New York hotel, more than 100 employees volunteered to donate to it. Here chef Joseph Albergo and secretary Sally Leopold give blood with the assistance of Red Cross nurse Jean O'Leary.

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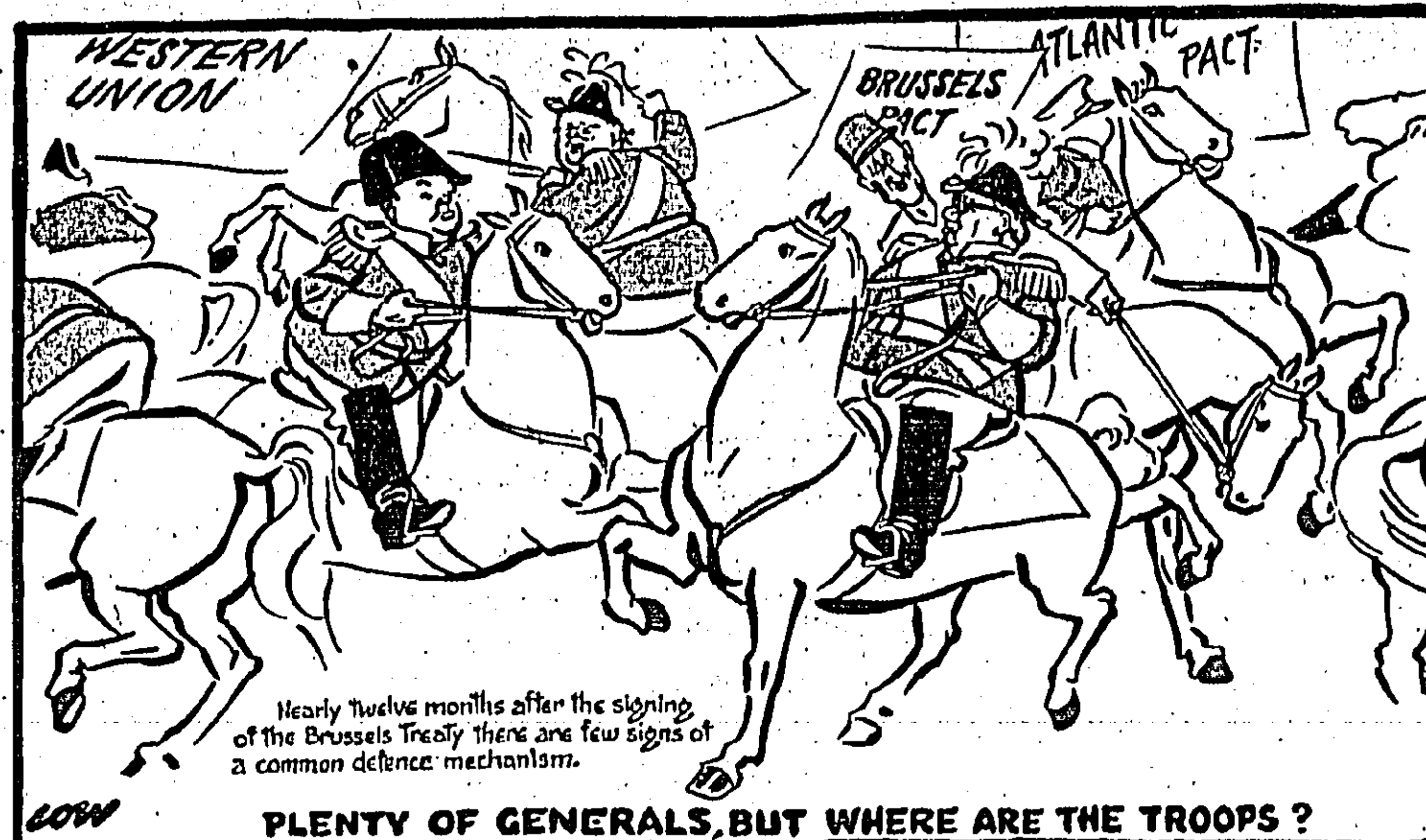
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NEW YORK.  
A WEEK from Sunday 256 people I have never met are dropping in for tea at my place and each of them will hand me £2. Or, at least, that is what they told me at the strange little party for nine I went to last night.

And when I seemed doubtful the hostess and the seven other guests all talked at once to reassure me.

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### On the phone

IT was simple at first. I telephoned a friend of mine named Lewis. Number engaged. An hour later I got an answer. "Sorry," said a girl's voice. "Mr Lewis is engaged all the week."

My protests were answered with an irritant: "Please don't tie up our lines."

Persistently I asked what kind of case Mr Lewis was handling. "It's not a case," said the girl, "we're playing the pyramid clubs."

I explained that was what I wanted to speak to Mr Lewis about. Immediately the girl

acted as if I had said I were Robert Mitchum.

"I'll put you right through," she said. And in a few minutes I was getting instructions to go to a large white house on High Ridge-road, just beyond May Apple-road, at five o'clock. And take a dollar with me.

"Mr Lewis sent me," I said to the coloured maid who answered the door of the large white house. The hostess, Mrs McCutcheon, greeted me as if I were Winston Churchill. She looked at the chart in her hand. "Oh, yes," she said, "Mr Lewis is a number eleven."

### At the club

IN her drawing-room were seven other guests. I recognised only Charlie, the man who delivers groceries. Others were a secretary, a labourer, a freelance writer, a bartender, and two housewives.

We were served coffee and doughnuts. There was some conversation about what interesting people you met at these pyramid clubs. And then to business.

"You are now number twelve," explained Mrs. McCutcheon. "and so write your name at the bottom of the pyramid."

It did not seem quite so simple now. For this is my routine.

TONIGHT: I take two new members to a party my friend Lewis is giving, and if they each pay him a dollar I go up a notch in the pyramid to the number eleven position.

TOMORROW NIGHT: I stay home and become a number ten if I can chivy those two new members of mine to produce yet another two members each.

## They've got me in the pyramid gamble

C. V. R. THOMPSON

cables a day-by-day forecast of his chances of getting rich quick in the craziest dollar dream on earth.

the traders were preoccupied with pyramids.

And an actor reported that Broadway, always impatient for quick results, had speeded it up so that a pyramid club went through all its phases in 12 hours instead of 12 days.

After about 40 calls I found a newspaperman named Richard Manson who had not yet joined a club. I began my sales talk. He interrupted me.

"Listen," he said, "I used to be a mathematician and, believe me, this thing is crazy. Do you know how many people will have to join just your own private little club for you to get paid off—4,04,304. That's half the population of New York."

"And there are not enough men, women, children and monkeys in this world to pay off all the pyramids that are now going on in this city."

So far, I have lost a dollar, the price of 10 telephone calls, and probably a friend—Mr Lewis.

SUNDAY NIGHT: I am a number nine like Mrs McCutcheon now, and I give a party for eight brand new number twelves, each of whom pays me a dollar.

And if I am a great deal more honourable than some pyramid club members, I take those eight dollars to the number one man on the pyramid. And 255 other number nines take him their eight dollars to make the grand total of \$2,048.

MONDAY NIGHT, and every night for a week I sweat it out at home, going up one notch every night (if no one breaks the chain).

SUNDAY WEEK: I cash in (if ditto).

But with 10 days to go, I have already reached a crisis. I have just made my 89th telephone call, and I have not found one, let alone two, new victims to take along to friend Lewis's party.

My first prospect was the cashier in the drugstore of my office skyscraper. She laughed at me. "I get five propositions a minute," she said. "I am in two clubs already and I haven't time for any more."

### Slow work

I APPROACHED a few of the corps of secretaries employed in the 65-storey Radio Building next door. They looked at me wearily. "Look here," said a spokeswoman, "all last week we played the pyramids so much the boss threatened to fire us for tying up the telephones, and all this week we are trying to find members for the boss."

Then I began telephoning all over New York. It was slow work.

The State has put such a load on the telephone company that you sometimes have to wait ten minutes to get a line from one exchange to another. And then many business offices have put a fortnight's ban on all outgoing and incoming personal calls so that they can get some work done.

A friend in Wall-street—he turned me down too—said that trading on the Stock Exchange had slowed down because all

## Say you wanted to live in Israel—

HOW CAN A MAN PROVE THAT HE IS JEWISH...?

by BERNARD WICKSTEED

SO the Government of Israel has turned down Mr Stanley. It won't let him in though he claims that he has the automatic right to enter the country because he is a Jew. What ever happens to him in the end, his case is likely to have a lasting influence on the Constitution of the new State.

Among the fascinating questions it raises is this: How do you prove that you are a Jew? In the past the problem has tended to be the other way round. Thousands of people alive in Germany and Poland today owe their ability to prove that they were not Jews.

But now the situation has changed. The proclamation of the new State said: "Israel will be open to Jews from all countries." The draft Constitution goes further and says: "Israel shall admit every Jew who desires to settle within its territories."

Supposing, like Mr Stanley, you were a Jew who did desire to settle in Israel. (You might like the idea of all that sunshine and the oranges.) How would you set about proving you had the right?

There's nothing to show on a British passport. A birth certificate doesn't say if you're a Jew or not.

### FACE VALUE

I know a man (not Mr Stanley) who is in just this dilemma. He hasn't even a birth certificate, because they did not issue them in the part of Austria where he was born.

He fled to England before the pogroms began, so he has never been in a concentration camp. It does not belong to any Jewish religious organisation. So what is the man to do? How can he claim his rights? Because he looks like one?

If the passport officer has to grant visas on those terms all kinds of Gentiles might pass through. I might myself. Cartoonists who draw me in profile make me look more Jewish than anyone I know. Had I lived in Europe during the Nazi terror I would have

been just as frightened as a real Jew. And if they had ever found out that my grandmother's name was Solly (which it was) it would have been idle to have explained that she was the daughter of a Unitarian minister (which is also true).

If you are eligible as a Jew for pogrom purposes (even though you are not one), are you also eligible for a visa to Israel? To test the matter I went along to the London headquarters of the Israeli Provisional Government, in Manchester square.

To be honest, I did not actually pose as a Jew and apply for a visa, but I asked what would happen if I did.

"Supposing," I said, "I told you my real name was Wicksteed, would you let me in?" The official looked at me hard for a moment or two and then said: "Yes, we probably would."

And here's another point. During the British mandate of Palestine the Jews were always saying that we had no right to exclude any Jew from entering the country. But now they are in charge themselves they have found out that there are some you have to exclude—those who collaborated with the Germans, for instance.

### NO REASONS

There is nothing in the provisional Constitution which allows them to do this, but they have done it. Mr Stanley, they have given no reasons. They just haven't granted the visas. That is why some of his advisers have suggested that Stanley should smuggle himself into the country and test the matter out there in the courts.

At this moment there is a committee sitting in Tel-Aviv trying to devise a formula that will get them out of this situation.

If Mr Stanley had been before a court and convicted of something it would be easy for them to find an excuse for keeping him out. But he hasn't.

Apart from going bare, all he has done is to give evidence before a tribunal, and you've got to find some better excuse than that for denying a man his new-found racial rights.

At the moment, Israel can offer little to its immigrants but hard work, austerity and a spiritual tonic. But supposing it strikes oil or gold?

There would be such a rush to get there that you might witness the curiously reversed process of consulates filled with barred or bogus Jews trying to get visas, and in the Mediterranean Jewish navy battling with fleets of blockade runners crammed full of Gentile adventurers.

That committee in Tel-Aviv has certainly got something to think about. However it decides, the affair Stanley is bound to influence its law-making.

## GIs Can Find It So Lonely Far From Juke-box Land

By EVELYN WEBBER

Bushy Park, Middlesex. IT was a long walk from the station past rows of sedate houses, and the squatters near Hampton Court, to reach Bushy Park, new headquarters of the U.S. Air Forces in Britain. And when I got here there were no juke boxes, no popping coca-cola caps, and no pin-up girls. I didn't even see a gum-chewing GI.

Instead there were 300 serious-looking Americans ("please call us airmen, even though we don't fly") occupying about five acres of buildings rented from the RAF Air Transport Command (who still work in their own headquarters alongside).

At Bushy Park during the war the Americans established a huge base. Now, with four U.S. Air Force operational and training depots in Britain to maintain aeroplanes of the Berlin airlift (the first time in history a major Power has established bases in the country for his wife and two children) this small area will be their permanent headquarters.

In command is 6ft. Major-General Leon Johnson, hero of the Ploesti oilfields raids. He served in England during the war, and won the DFC.

"Most of my men are like me," says the general. "They were in Britain in wartime and they asked to come back. They like it here."

"But some of us are very cold in these O.D. shacks" (Order of the Day RAF huts), said one of the general's staff.

Gone from Bushy Park is the rakish attitude of wartime. Most of the men here are married, with their wives and families living in billets and more coming.

Enlisted men get £5 to £8 a week—pay, exclusive of allowances. When they find rooms they pay £6 6s. a week and more. Officers pay more than £8 8s.

"Rents are high here," comment the Americans.

One of them, 32-year-old Major T. Corrigan, has found a home for his wife and two children in an old hunting lodge that once was used by Henry VIII.

"We have eight rooms," he said. "Apart from the job of heating, we love the place. Food? My wife manages beautifully on our rations."

These, bought at the camp commissary, with American money (used exclusively here), have been imposed to avoid the possibility of a black market.

Each person, including children, is allowed 1lb. of meat per day; a dozen eggs a week; 1lb. of cheese per day; 300 cigarettes weekly; a pound of butter weekly.

Some types of chocolate and soap flakes are rationless. So is chewing gum—10 packets a week.

"Much of it is British food, earmarked for export," Major Corrigan said.

With the major I toured the park in a car driven by a British Army ex-sergeant. In the busy Post Exchange (Nan) English girls were serving groceries and pouring coffee.

About 100 Britons, paid by the Air Ministry, work for the Americans here—25 to drive their nine service cars (average salary £5 a week, plus overtime), the rest cooking and typing. They may buy non-rationed items in the Post Exchange.

### NANCY Under the Influence



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## Shorter Working Hours—For Donkeys!

London, Mar. 24.—Donkeys giving rides to children on at least two beaches in Britain this year will have shorter working hours and an hour off for lunch.

Fifty donkeys at Weston-super-Mare, Somerset, have had their working hours reduced from 72 to 64 a week under a "donkeys charter" drawn up in collaboration with the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

They will finish at 7 p.m. every night and have Sunday "off."

The East Coast resort of Weston has gone one better by limiting weekly working hours to 42, but in return the donkeys must give children a ride on Sunday.—Reuter.

## Diplomat's Wife's Troubles

### Divorced Through Mail Order

New York, Mar. 24.—The wife of the chief Chinese delegate to the United Nations today asked the Human Rights Commission to help untangle her marital affairs.

Mrs. Nyok Zoe Dong Tsang wanted the Commission to look into her very human troubles with Tsang Tin-fu, her husband and father of her four children. Mrs. Tsang said her husband obtained a mail order Mexican divorce and, when she attempted to contest it, he claimed diplomatic immunity. She said the Supreme Court rejected her suit for separation on immunity grounds.

"While my husband, as a member of the United Nations, is supposedly working for the welfare of humanity, he can actually flout all laws of decency and abandon his wife and children," said Mrs. Tsang in her plea.

She said her husband's picture with Mrs. Hilda Ung Ching Shen appeared in news papers with the caption: "Dr and Mrs Tsang Ting-fu." She commented: "Surely this cannot be the sum total of the effectiveness of the United Nations—that it shall provide refuge for men who would evade their legal and moral responsibilities. And if it is said that mine is a matter of no concern to the organization that faces the task of saving the world, then I wonder if it might not prevent the success of this organization."

"If the U.N. doesn't help while it is busy raising the lofty towers of humanity and justice to light up the world, its very foundations will crumble as the foundation of all human society, the family, is allowed to weaken and collapse."—United Press.

## US Forces To Leave Philippines

San Francisco, Mar. 24.—The Philippines will soon be stripped of United States naval, air and sea power, Rear Admiral Ralph W. Christie said today.

The Admiral, former Commander of American Naval forces in the Philippines, said:

"Conditions in the Far East are certainly explosive, but we cannot afford to maintain strong forces everywhere owing to reduced budgets and the shift of naval power to the Atlantic."

"After March 31, we will have no naval aircraft in the Philippines."

He said the Sangley Point naval air station, near Manila, is being converted into a general navy base, but no American warships will be stationed in Philippine waters. The only remaining naval base, besides Sangley Point, will be a repair station at Subic Bay, 40 miles from Manila.

The Admiral said Filipinos "view this situation with some alarm."—Associated Press.

## HK COUNCIL OF WOMEN

A general meeting of the Hongkong Council of Women will be held on Tuesday, March 29, at 5.15 p.m., in the Public Relations Office, Des Voeux Road.

The Commissioner of Police, Mr. D. W. Macintosh, will be the Guest Speaker.

All interested are welcome. Members are asked to note the change of date.

# Reds Unable To Administer Captured Cities?

## SHENSI RADIO'S HINT

Shanghai, Mar. 24.—The Chinese Communists have given the first hint that their revolution, which is primarily agrarian, is bogging down in the cities of North China.

The North Shensi radio reported that at its second plenary session, the Communist Central Committee stressed the importance of shifting the "centre of gravity" of their programme from rural areas to cities.

"Under the leadership of chairman Mao Tse-tung, the Party united the broad masses of the labouring people and carried out this policy of utilising the country side to encircle the city," the radio said.

"But that period" is now ended. The period has now begun of the leadership of the countryside from the cities."

The radio said it was now necessary for the Reds to closely link relations between rural and urban areas, between peasants and workers and between agriculture and industry.

The radio said the plenary session had called upon "all comrades to devote all their energies to learning the technique and management of industrial production, commercial banking and other work closely related to production."

It has often been pointed out by students of China's revolution that when the Communists begin administering cities such as Peking, Tientsin and Tainan, they will face problems which have not so far concerned them in rural areas.

Many believe the Reds lack the ability to administer urban areas, and think this is one reason why they have not been able to take Peking, Shanghai and other cities.

The plenary session ended, but it was attended by 34 Central Committee members and 19 alternates. Twenty members and alternates were absent.

The work of the Reds' Political Bureau since June, 1945 when the first plenary session was held, was ratified at the session just ended.

In addition, Mao Tse-tung's eight terms for peace with the Nationalists were ratified.

## Cenotaph Ceremony

### Greek National Day Observed

In commemoration of the 138th anniversary of the independence of Greece, two wreaths were placed at the base of the Cenotaph this morning by Mr. Paul P. Yannoulatos, Consul-General for Greece at Shanghai, and Mr. C. Blaker, MC, Consul for Greece at Hongkong.

The wreaths were bordered with blue and white, the Greek national colours, with the national emblem in the centre.

One wreath was from the Greek Community of Hongkong and the other from the Greek Community in Shanghai.

Also present at this morning's ceremony were Messrs A. C. Gioulis, S. Patara, F. S. Skidris, G. M. Stamatelatos, S. Petropoulos and Denis Victor.

Mr. Yannoulatos is at present on leave from the North.

## 'No Truth' In Czech Allegations Opposition Urges Retaliation

London, Mar. 24.—The Opposition in the House of Commons today urged the British Government to take retaliatory action against a Czech official in Prague who had been expelled to a British official in Prague.

Yesterday, the British Embassy was warned that Captain Philip Wildash, British Military Permit Officer in Prague, would be liable to arrest unless he left Czechoslovakia within 24 hours.

The Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, Mr. Christopher Mayhew, replied that the Government was considering what action would be appropriate.

"We shall not be content to leave matters where they are now," he said.

So far as could be ascertained in the short time available there was no truth in the assertion that Captain Wildash plotted against the Czechoslovak Republic, or infringed its laws in any way, he said.

Czechoslovak officials in Prague accused Captain Wildash of "accepting information," of "plotting against the State," and of "being in contact with plotters." A Foreign Office spokesman said here today.

Captain Wildash arrived in Prague early today. No official reports have yet been received from Prague about the arrest of three Czechoslovak employees of the British Military Permit Office, it is understood.

An authoritative source here confirmed that the Military Permit Office, administered jointly by Britain, France and the United States, to issue permits to the Western Zones of Germany, has now been closed.

The same source considered it unlikely that the office would be re-opened for the present, and no Czechoslovak subjects would, therefore, be able to obtain a permit to visit Western Germany.—Reuter.

## PARADE OFF

The Services' parade which was to have been held in Kowloon today has been postponed because of the bad weather.



A photograph taken at this morning's ceremony at the Cenotaph, when a wreath was laid to commemorate the 138th anniversary of Greek Independence. On the left is the Consul-General for Greece in Shanghai, Mr. Paul P. Yannoulatos. On the right is the Greek Consul in Hongkong, Mr. C. Blaker, MC.

## Bill To Reform UK Marriage Law Withdrawn

London, Mar. 24.—An attempt by Lord Mancroft, Conservative, to get Parliamentary approval for a change in the English marriage law, failed in the House of Lords tonight.

He asked for agreement to a bill which would have enabled a man who has divorced his wife to marry her sister, or a woman who has divorced her husband to marry his brother.

This could not be done under the present law, though a widow might marry the brother of her dead husband and the widower might marry the sister of his dead wife, he said.

He described the present law as "illogical, harsh and out of keeping with modern conditions." It encouraged irregular unions and caused much unnecessary hardship.

The bill contained a proviso forbidding the marriage of an adulterous brother and sister-in-law.

Most Peers who took part in the debate favoured the bill, but it was opposed by the Government and the Archbishop of Canterbury Dr. Geoffrey Fisher.

The Archbishop thought the Church would be on what he conceived to be the general interests of society. Emotional relations or mutual attraction were altogether excluded between father and daughter, mother and son, brother and sister, he said. They therefore never arose.

"But in the family and domestic circle within which there is this absolute mutual security and the distractions and temptations of sexual attraction are not permitted, the in-laws are suddenly to be excluded," he added.

He maintained that if the possibility of an emotional and sexual relationship was not ruled out by an implicit assurance, the basic security which was pursued subconsciously and instinctively in all relations with in-laws would be lost.

Lord Mancroft withdrew his bill in view of the Government's attitude.—Reuter.

## Grim Meat Outlook For Britons

London, Mar. 24.—Britain may soon have a further cut in the meat ration, London meat traders believe, unless the supplies of corned beef improve.

The recent reduction of the weekly ration to 14 oz. worth of fresh meat and 2 oz. worth of corned beef per person, through shortages of shipments from the Argentine, comes into effect next Sunday.

Members of the National Executive of the Federation of Meat Trade Associations held an emergency meeting today to discuss the dwindling ration and its impact on the retail meat trade in Britain.

Corned beef stocks were reported to be "precariouly low" and some experts felt it might be very difficult to maintain the corned beef part of the ration much longer than a month unless fresh supplies became available.

The Ministry of Food declined to comment on the prospect of a new cut.—Reuter.

## Red Dean's Attack On "War Pact"

London, Mar. 24.—Dr. Hewlett Johnson, the "Red Dean" of Canterbury, declared today that the Atlantic Pact aimed to organize the British people into a war camp against Russia.

"We do not agree with this pact. We do not agree that the British people should be used as cannon fodder."

Dr. Johnson made his statement in a message to a public meeting attended by six Russian women delegates to the recent International Women's Day celebrations in London.—Reuter.

## PARTY'S CALL FOR PROTEST

London, Mar. 24.—The British Communist Party tonight told its members that they must "organize mass demonstrations" against the Atlantic Pact, and "demand of every Member of Parliament that he vote against its ratification."

The party said in a statement: "We warn the Government that the British working people will never allow themselves to be used as the tools of Wall Street and the key for war against Socialist Russia and a Socialist Europe."

"The United strength of the peoples of the world will smash the war plans of the Atlantic Pact."

The party said the Pact tied Britain "to the American military machine and war lords."

"Britain is already placed under American military occupation," the statement continued. "We do not want Britain to be turned into the Mecca of an atomic war."

Earlier, the party's Political Committee, in a statement issued after a meeting, described the pact as a "pact for war," and compared it with the anti-Communist Pact signed by Germany, Italy and Japan and the Munich Pact.—Reuter.

## AUSSIE DOCKERS TO STRIKE

Sydney, Mar. 24.—The Dockers' Union will call a two-hour strike of 20,000 waterfront workers throughout Australia next Monday in protest against the prosecution on a seditious charge, of the Communist leader, Lance Sharkey. The New South Wales Trades and Labour Council passed a resolution urging its works to ignore unauthorised "stop work" calls.—Reuter.

## Threatened Employer With Hand Grenades

### Six-Year Sentence At Sessions

Caught by the Police in the act of threatening to send "Callifornian Oranges" (Chinese slang for hand-grenades) if he did not get his demand of \$1,200, Chan Chuan was this morning sentenced by the Chief Justice, Sir Leslie Gibson, to six years.

The jury at the Criminal Sessions, without retiring, found him guilty of uttering a letter demanding money with menaces.

Mr. A. Hooton, Crown Counsel, who prosecuted, disclosed that Chan was convicted in 1938 and 1939 for obtaining money and goods by false pretences, and was banished for ten years in 1939.

According to Crown evidence, the accused wrote a threatening letter for \$3,000 to his master, Fung Kwok-yu, of the Vienna Tailor Shop, 468, Nathan Road. The letter was chopped with a chop of the Tat Tung Branch Association, East River, and of Li Wal-kwan, Chief of the Association.

The letter thanked Fung for his previous support, but asked for more on account of the approaching New Year. It threatened Fung with "most serious results" should he report the matter to the Police, and contained instructions for six \$500 notes to be placed in a letter box outside Fung's residence before 10 p.m. on January 21.

The letter was found on the floor in Fung's house about midnight on January 20 by Fung's wife, who handed the letter to her husband. He reported to the Police.

On January 24, the accused asked for leave from Fung to visit the country and the following day Fung received a telephone call from a person speaking in Hakka. At the same time the Police arrived at a place in Shanghai Street where they found the accused telephoning in Hakka. He was heard to say that \$1,200 was required at the very least, or his folks would send "Callifornian Oranges."

The accused took the Police to a boarding house where the two chops used on the threatening letter were discovered in the chest of drawers. The maker of these chops identified the accused as the man who ordered them. A handwriting expert found that the writing in the threatening letter was that of the accused.

In a statement from the dock, the accused denied that he threatened to send "Callifornian oranges" to Fung. As to the rest of the evidence against him, he asked for leniency and to be given treatment for his eyes, he promised to turn over a new leaf.

The Chief Justice ordered the six years' sentence to be served on completion of a four months' probation on the accused on February 21 for breach of a deportation order.

His Lordship also commended Fung for his courage in exposing the matter to the Police.

## Belgian Plane's Forced Landing

Lympe, Mar. 24.—Royal Air Force planes and two lifeboats searched the Channel off the Kentish coast today for a Belgian Spitfire in distress. The plane was later reported to have made a forced landing on a beach near Calais. The pilot was said to be safe.

The Channel was choppy on account of strong northeasterly winds. Wireless operators at Lympe Airport reported to the Air Ministry that they had picked up a message from the pilot of the aircraft stating that he was "going down into the Channel."—Reuter.

## Radio Hongkong

11.00. Programme Summary: 8.01. Children's Half Hour. 8.15. Music in England during the last four hundred years. Written by Ruth Kirby (Studio). 8.30. The Golden Rule. 8.45. From the School of King George V. 9.00. Given by Miss Lee Wei Len. 9.15. "Keys to Romance" Buddy Cole at the Piano. 9.30. World News and News Analysis. 9.45. London Relay. 10.00. Sports Preview (Studio). 10.15. "Banned Box" Preview. 10.30. The Golden Rule. 10.45. Vocalists. 11.00. From the "Editorial" (London Relay). 11.15. "The Good Companions" by J. B. Priestley (Part 2). Adapted for Broadcast by James R. Green. 11.30. "The Detective in Fiction" Read by Clifford Davies (Studio). 11.45. Vocalists. 12.00. Chorus. 12.15. Chorus. 12.30. Chorus. 12.45. Chorus. 1.00. Chorus. 1.15. Chorus. 1.30. Chorus. 1.45. Chorus. 2.00. Chorus. 2.15. Chorus. 2.30. Chorus. 2.45. Chorus. 3.00. Chorus. 3.15. Chorus. 3.30. Chorus. 3.45. Chorus. 4.00. Chorus. 4.15. Chorus. 4.30. Chorus. 4.45. Chorus. 5.00. Chorus. 5.15. Chorus. 5.30. 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# THOUSANDS OF SPIES OPERATING IN U.S.

## UN-American Activities Committee Report

Washington, March 24.—The U.S. House Un-American Activities Committee said on Thursday that "thousands of Russian agents" and more thousands of Americans are spying in the United States right now.

It said some of the spies "may" be attached to the Russian Embassy or the United Nations.

In a time of national crisis, the Committee said, "the United States would have nearly 825,000 persons who are either spies, traitors or saboteurs working against us from within."

The statements were made in a pamphlet titled "Spotlight on Spies." Its publication was only one of several developments of the day bearing on U.S. relations with the Soviet world and the Committee's own proceedings.

Others included:—The State Department made public a report declaring that "the Soviet government form a free interchange of ideas" with the West because 30 years of Communism have failed to give the Soviet people a living standard even approximating that of Americans. The report was timed for the opening of the three-day "World Peace conference" in New York which the State Department has predicted will be a sounding board for Communist propaganda.

2.—The number of Soviet blue delegates to the "Peace" conference was cut from 21 to 19 when visas were denied to two Rumanians. The entry permits were denied because the Rumanian government refused to send the delegates as officials rather than as private individuals.

### 74,000 MEMBERS

The Un-American Activities Committee estimate of 825,000 potential spies, traitors or saboteurs in the U.S. was based on old figures of FBI Director Mr. J. Edgar Hoover. Mr. Hoover had listed 74,000 Communist party members in the U.S. and said Communists claimed that for every party member "there are ten others ready, willing and able to do the party's work."

The Committee said the spies at present are seeking "production secrets of the atom bomb." It said it knows some of the secrets have been stolen, but not how much of the bomb formula.

The Committee mentioned no names of suspects in the pamphlet.

The Committee said it had uncovered recent secret orders from abroad, to spy leaders here, listing more than 20 classes of information that is wanted on America's armed strength.

It said it knew of cases in which Russian agents or Americans working with them have made off with secrets on aviation, submarines, and industrial processes.

The Committee said that because the U.S. let Russian Allies inspect American defence industries during the war, the Soviets have been able to print "a thick book which can easily be used as a handbook for bombing and sabotage against the United States."

The Committee said it has "confessions to prove" that treasonable Americans are the actual thieves for Red spy networks in the U.S. It said Communists trained in espionage actually direct the work.

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This white-mantled street in Buffalo, N.Y. was the result of a sudden March snow storm that left five inches or more of snow throughout Western New York.—AP Picture.

## 1949 Dollar Parade To Europe To Be Biggest Since 1937

New York, March 24.—The 1949 "dollar parade" to Europe is about to start, and it should be the biggest since 1939. Trans-Atlantic passenger space for the period between April and July is virtually sold out.

Tourist and cabin space on both foreign and American shipping lines for that period have been filled for several months. And first-class accommodations for the busiest months are fast disappearing.

Travel experts believe this should be the first "normal" year for American tourist travel abroad since 1937. To Europe it will mean a flow of dollars which will help materially towards economic recovery.

The ECA and its European counterpart, the OEEC, have encouraged and stimulated governments and private agencies to bolster the tourist movement as a definite means of earning dollars.

During the four-year period 1948-52, ECA hopes that about US\$2,000,000,000 can be earned by European countries through the travel expenditures of American tourists.

To reach this goal, however, much remains to be done. Last year it is estimated that only about US\$217,500,000 were spent by U.S. travellers in Europe and the Mediterranean area. This represented a substantial gain from the US\$151,000,000 spent in 1947.

Last year about 440,000 persons went to Europe with 310,000 going by ship and 110,000 going by air.

This year, travel officials hope to expect at least a 25 percent increase in both the number of tourists and the total dollar expenditure. They point to many factors favouring this development.

## Claim Espionage Charges Were Trumped Up

Vienna, Mar. 24.—Two Assistant Military attaches, who arrived here late last night from Budapest, said today that the charges of espionage and "brutal abuse of diplomatic privileges" on which they were expelled from Hungary were "trumped up and ridiculous."

The officers, Lieutenant Colonel Peter F. Kopszak and Captain John P. Merrill, said they were given till noon today to leave Hungary and had been constantly watched by the Hungarian secret police since Tuesday, when the Hungarian Government demanded their withdrawal.

Colonel Kopszak stated that he has a photostat copy of a Hungarian Government document authorizing him to pass through any forbidden area. The Szeged police refused to recognize this pass or their diplomatic passports and would not allow them to telephone the American Legation, they said today.

### ALLEGED ASSAULT

When left in charge of a plainclothes man, whose authority they did not recognize, the Americans drove off to the outskirts of Szeged, taking the detective with them, later forcing him to get out of the car.

This explained a charge of assaulting a Hungarian official which had been brought against them, the officers stated. They said another charge of not paying a garage bill was disproved by their photostat copy of a receipted bill.

Colonel Kopszak's home town is Greenburg, Pennsylvania, and Colonel Merrill's is Bethesda, Maryland. They are remaining in Vienna until they get new orders from Washington. Reuter.

## N.Y. Snow Tunnel

## Show Business Alarmed By Abolition Of Censorship Bill

London, Mar. 24.—The British show business is resisting a Parliamentary move to "impose" a new kind of freedom upon it. The theatre world is alarmed by a private bill, to be debated in the House of Commons tomorrow, which would abolish censorship of stage plays.

The bill, introduced by Mr. E. P. Smith (Edward Percy, the dramatist), Conservative Member of Parliament, has strong all-party backing, but it is opposed by the Government as well as the theatre. Advocates of the bill argue that the British theatre is subjected to restrictions upon the freedom of expression not applied to other forms of literature. Theatrical circles contend that the abolition of censorship would be dangerous.

**GOOD DEFENCE**  
British stage plays are authorized for performance by the Lord Chamberlain. The view of the theatrical industry is that a play licensed by him is a good defence for any manager wrongfully accused of offending public morals.

The industry has told the Home Secretary, Mr. James Chuter Ede, that if the Lord Chamberlain's censorship were removed, theatres would be at the mercy of unilateral action by local authorities throughout the country. Theatrical producers have clashed in the past with zealous local defenders of public morals in the shape of "watch committees" and similar municipal bodies.

These bodies keep vigilant watch for scantiness in female stage attire and over-broadness in comedy. They are quick to define the difference between "artistic" and "nudity." Nudity is permissible on many stages provided only that the nudes remain motionless in an artistic pose.

The bill is unlikely to be passed in view of the Government's opposition.—Reuter.

## Border Violation Allegations

London, Mar. 24.—Tirana Radio tonight broadcast allegations of violation of Albanian territory by Yugoslav detachments and aircraft during March. In one such incursion, the raiders were met by Albanian small arms fire and retired leaving two dead on the Albanian side of the frontier, the Radio said. Propaganda material directed against Albania was found.—Reuter.

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## MANILA FIRES

Manila, Mar. 25.—Three fires broke out in Manila yesterday and the last one, which occurred last night, burned the third storey of a building in the heart of the business district, causing losses estimated at US\$175,000.

Total damage in the three fires was placed at around US\$250,000. No deaths were reported, but at least four persons were seriously injured.—United Press.

## Will Visit Stalin

Vienna, Mar. 24.—August Nessler, who calls himself "World Citizen No. 4," said today that he plans to visit the Soviet Premier, Marshal Stalin, "legally or illegally," to persuade him to join the World Peace Movement and have a peace talk with President Truman.—Reuter.

## NOTICE

THE REFORM CLUB OF HONGKONG

THE THIRD PUBLIC MEETING will be held at the Roof Garden of the Hongkong Hotel on Monday, 28th March, 1949, at 6.30 p.m.

SUBJECT: The 1949-50 Budget.

SPEAKER: Mr. T. A. Martin.

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## POCKET CARTOON



## BIG FOUR AGAIN FAIL TO AGREE

## AUSTRIAN PEACE TREATY HITCH

London, March, 24.—

The Big Four Deputy Foreign Ministers today abandoned efforts to agree at this time on Yugoslav reparations and territorial claims against Austria.

The deputies, who were trying to write an Austrian peace treaty, decided to go on to other disputed clauses. The deputies had been debating the Yugoslav claims for exactly one month. Russia supported the Yugoslav claims in principle, while the United States, Britain and France objected.

"It is impossible to reach an agreement at this stage," the Soviet delegate, George Zarubin, told the delegates. He suggested that negotiations go on to other issues and the other powers agreed.

### FEARS CONFIRMED

This seemed to confirm the fears that the deputies will make little, if any, progress before the next week, when Zarubin is scheduled to leave for New York to attend the United Nations General Assembly. When he leaves the deputies will face the problem of whether to recess, or end the current series of talks, or try to negotiate with a Soviet delegate who probably would have little power to make decisions.

M. Zarubin, Russian Ambassador to London, was welcomed as a high-ranking delegate when the talks began on February 9, the he has not budged an inch in the East-West controversies that caused previous negotiations to fail. The Western delegates have offered a few minor concessions and hinted that others might be made.—United Press.

## Mrs Strong Backs Communists

New York, Mar. 24.—Mrs Anna Louise Strong, American writer expelled from Russia for "espionage," today gave \$1,000 to the defence fund of 11 top Communists on trial for conspiracy. Mrs Strong said the donation was from a "yellow victim of the cold war" to "American Communists who are getting as raw a deal from the USSR" as I got from the USSR.—United Press.

